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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN, CA
SUBJ: EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY DISOWNS PRESS REPORT EXTAFF
UNCOMFORTABLE WITH AMBASSADOR'S STYLE

REF: OTTAWA 2727

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS JULY 7,
AMBASSADOR ASKED EXTAFF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON HOW HE
SHOULD INTERPRET OTTAWA JOURNAL ARTICLE "HIGH VOLTAGE US
ENVOY SHOCKS MANY HERE" (REFTEL).

2. ROBINSON SAID HE HAD NOT READ ARTICLE. AFTER DOING
SO CAREFULLY, HE SAID THAT IT "DEFINITELY IS NOT AUTHORIZED
AND IS NOT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF EXTAFF VIEWS".

3. ROBINSON SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO COULD HAVE MADE THE
COMMENT.

4. ROBINSON ADDED THAT FREELANCE CORRESPONDENT JOHN BEST,
WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE, IS "CAREFUL AND KNOWS MANY EXTAFF
OFFICERS", BUT IS "DOGGED AND INSENSITIVE" AND "DOES NOT
REALIZE WHAT IS GOING ON HERE."

5. ARTICLE HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP ELSEWHERE NOR
COMMENTED ON IN PRINT.

6. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT BEST WOULD HAVE WRITTEN
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WITHOUT A COMMENT FROM SOMEONE IN EXTAFF. ROBINSON'S

CATEGORICAL STATEMENT MEANS THAT THE COMMENT CAME FROM
BELOW POLICY LEVEL.
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